Hybrid Power Converters: An Exploration of Benefits

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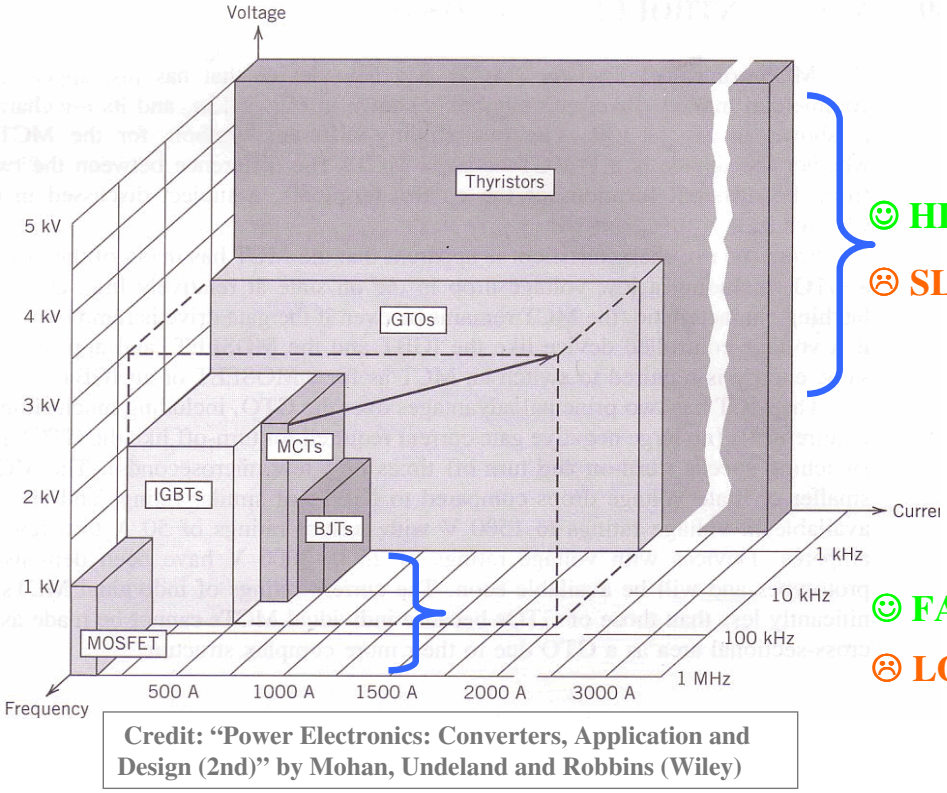

☺ HIGH V,I (P) ratings

☹ SLOW switching

☺ FAST switching

☹ LOW V, I (P) ratings

Credit: "Power Electronics: Converters, Application and Design (2nd)" by Mohan, Undeland and Robbins (Wiley)

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Solutions to build High Voltage/Current/Power PE Systems:

- Series and/or Parallel connected Low Voltage/Current fast sw. devices/PEBB

☺ Low risk technology (well known)

☺ Mass production identical units

☺ Easy to build redundancy (N+1)

☹ Dynamic sharing of voltage/current (derating = $$)

☹ Large dv/dt

- Multilevel Power Converter Topologies

☺ Solved dynamic V/I sharing

☺ Better synthesising of output Voltage (smaller filters, less noise)

☺ Low dv/dt

☹ High risk technology

☹ More components (cap, diodes)

☹ More complex control (cap volt balancing?)

- Hybrid Arrangements: Slow (High Power) + Fast (Low Power)

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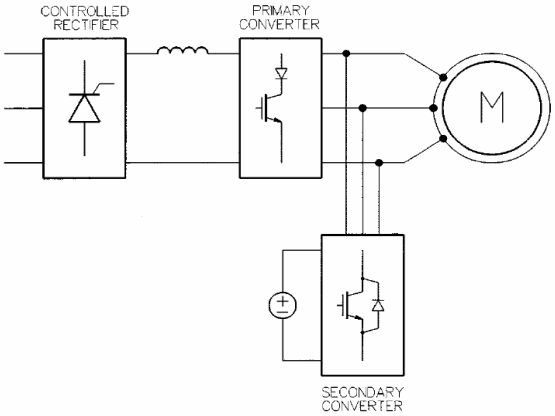
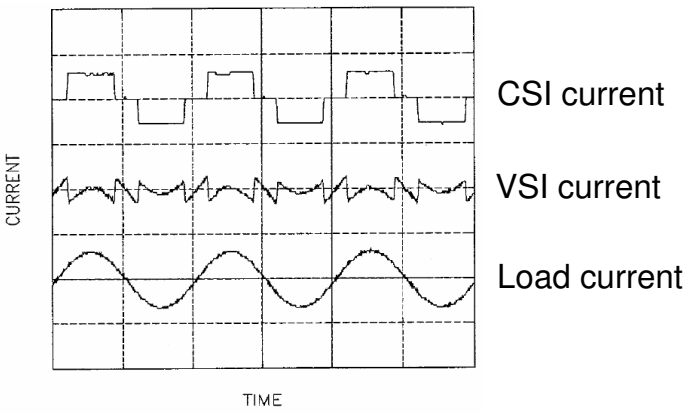
"Tandem Converter"

Line Commutated Current Source Inverter + Voltage Source Inverter





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☺ Cheaper?

☺ More efficient?

☹ More complex/Customized for app?

☹ Protection?

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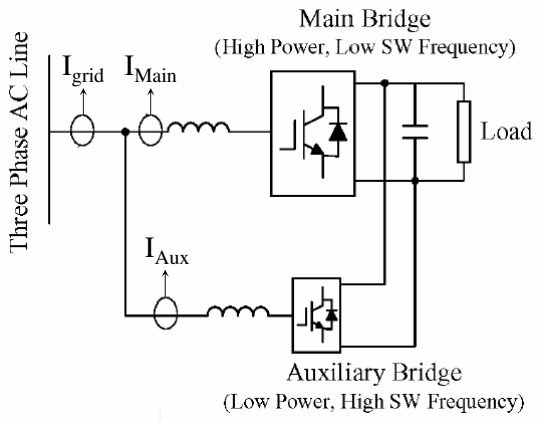
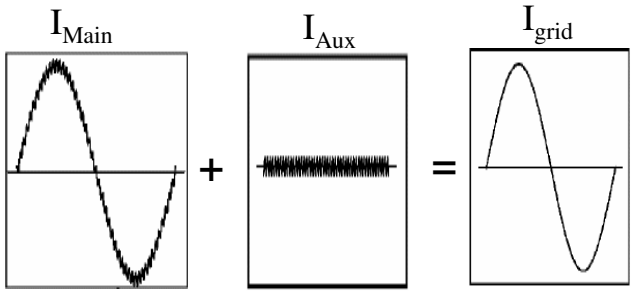
Hybrid PWM Voltage Source Rectifier





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☺ Cheaper (semicond, L) ?

☺ More efficient (sw. loss) ?

☹ More complex

☹ Circulate power ?

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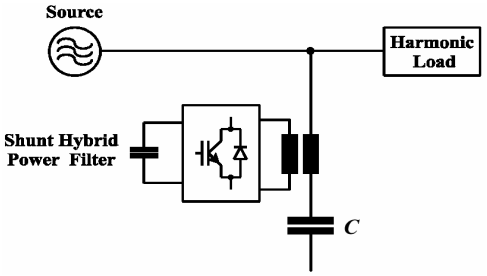
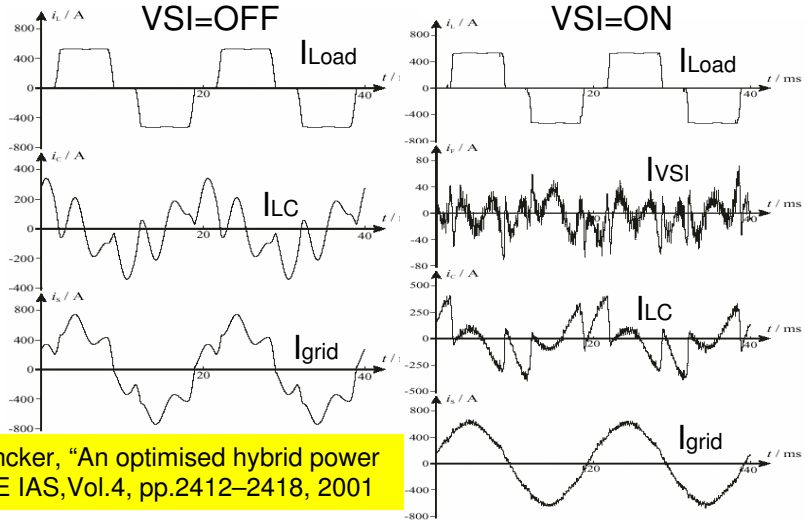
Hybrid current harmonics filter

LC filter (bulk of reactive + harmonic current) + Voltage Source Inverter (change transfer fct)





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☹ More complex (trafo, control, protections)

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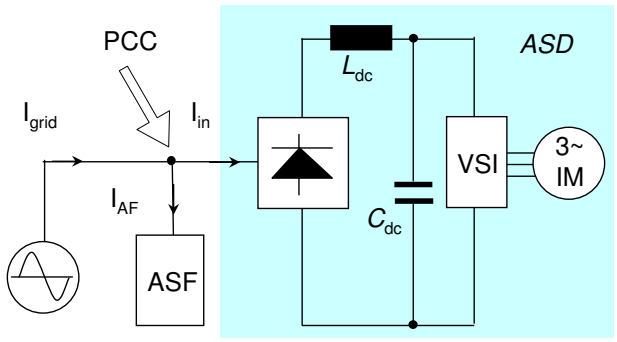


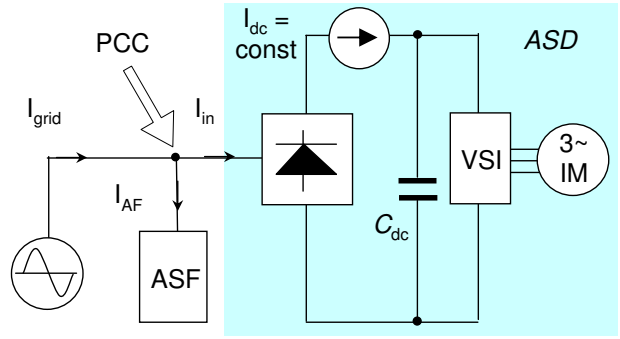
Standard Implementation an of ASD:

- Diode rectifier
- DC-link inductance (or AC side)
- DC-link capacitor
- Voltage Source Inverter

☹ Generates Harmonics (Ldc↑)

☹ Performance under Unbalance

Hybrid…….....DC-link Inductor?



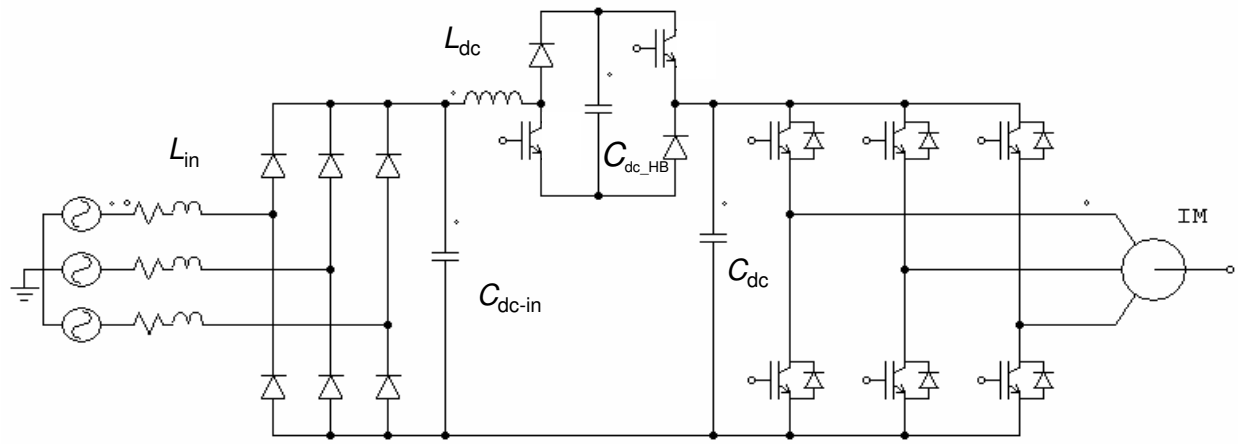
Constant DC-link Current Source:

☺ quasi-square wave input current

☺ ripple free Vdc_inv (Idc_in ≡ Idc_out)

☺ Preserves performance independent of **power grid conditions** & **Cdc size**

2. Electronic Inductor



Low switching voltage (12% (balanced supply - 20% (unbalanced):

- Can use MOSFETs/Shottky diodes ⇒ low conduction losses
- Allow high switching frequency ⇒ small Ldc

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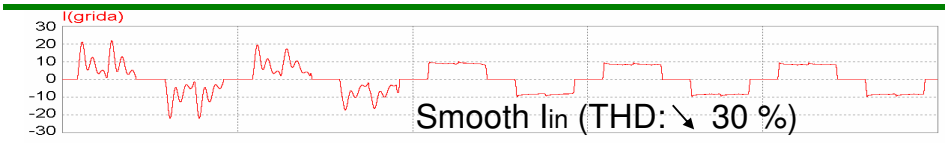
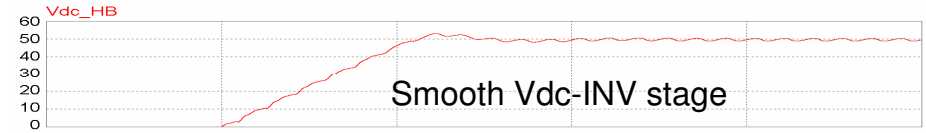
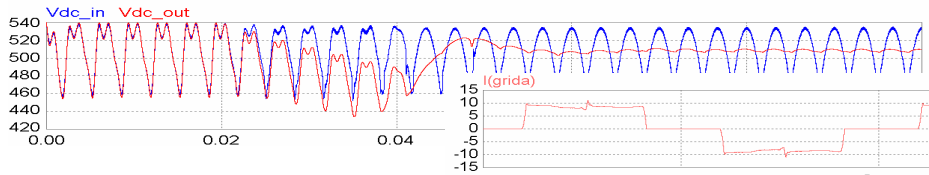
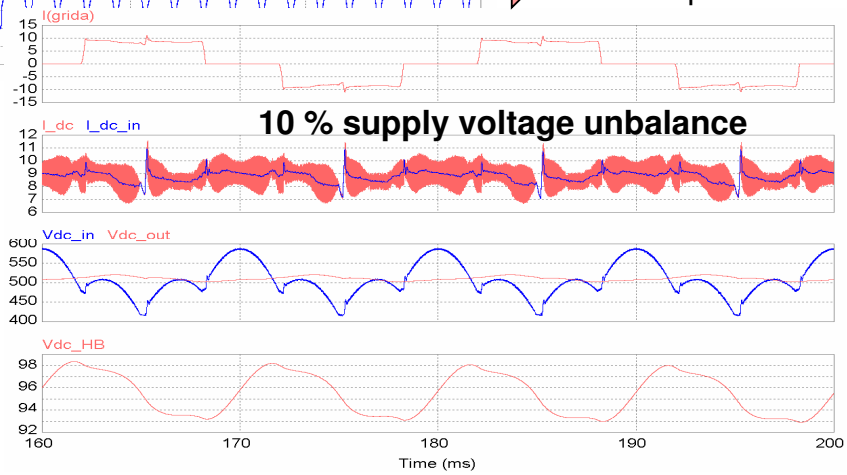




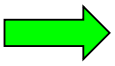
*C*dc-in=1µF;
*L*in= 0.2 mH/ph (*f*0-in=8kHz);
*L*dc = 2x 40 µH, (*f*0-DC = 17.8kHz);
*C*dc = 75 µF (film capacitor);
*C*dc_HB = 3300µF/100 V;
*f*sw-HB = 100 kHz.



Loss 5% peak $V_{L\text{-}Lin}$



Vdc_inv level PRESERVED!



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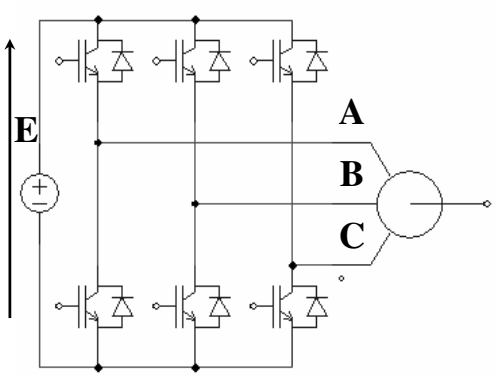
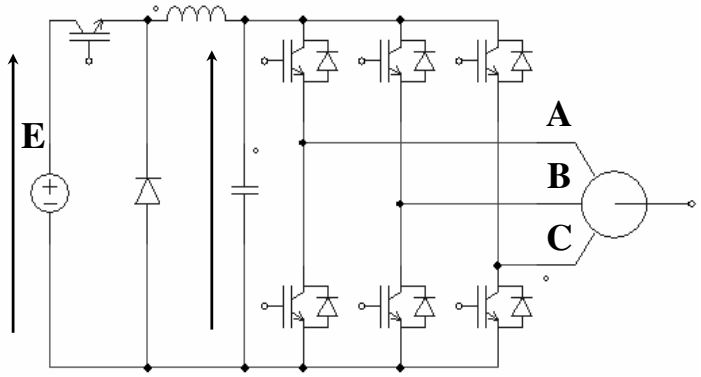
Typical DC/AC Inverter Topologies





- **Fewer IGBTs/Diodes**
- **Smallest conduction losses**
- **Switching losses = high**

- **An extra IGBT/Diode/HF inductor/capacitor**
- **Increased conduction losses**
- **Switching voltage = adjustable (high Mi)**
- **limit max voltage seen by VSI switches**
- **Buck stage=switches variable current**
- **More devices for bidirectional**

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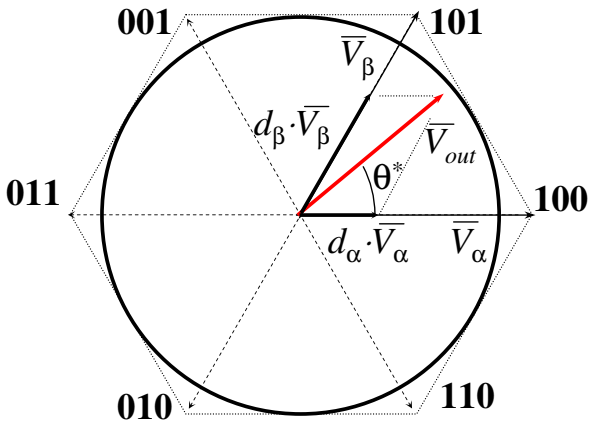
Duty-cycles calculation

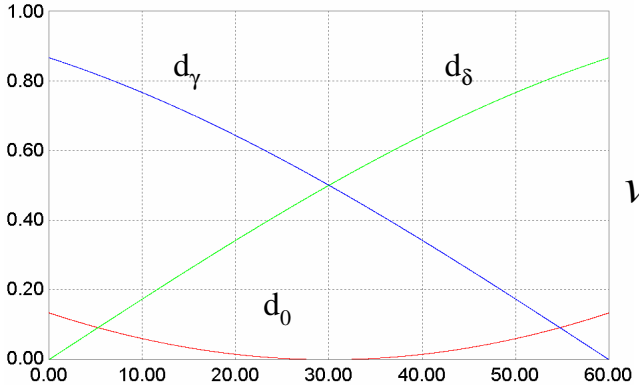
$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta^*\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\theta^*\right)$$

$$d_0 = 1 - d_\alpha - d_\beta \qquad m_U = \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{out} / E$$



Duty-cycles vs. angle within sector (mU=1)



Use modulated DC-link Voltage

$$v_{dc} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \hat{V}_{out} \cdot \left[\sin\left(\theta^*\right) + \sin\left(\pi/3 - \theta^*\right)\right]$$

Switching is needed in only one leg: 101→100→101 ⇒ phase C

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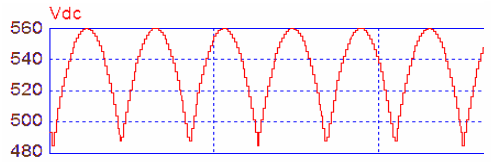
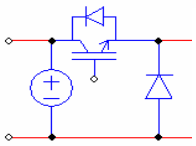
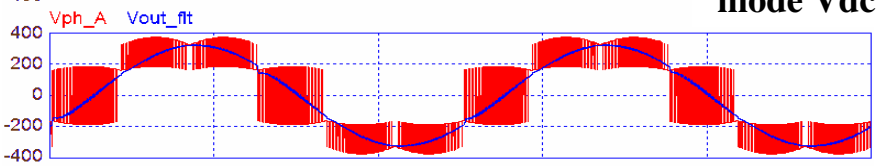
DC-link voltage



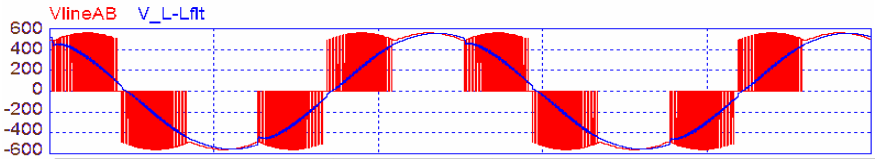


Switched mode Vdc

Phase-to-neutral voltage and its filtered value



Line-to-line voltage and its filtered value



Distribution of power losses

	Pout	Pcond	Pswitch
Sinusoidal PWM	5.46 kW	65.1 W	57.6W (1.06 %)
SVM 2 ZVV	5.53 kW	65.8 W	69.8W (1.26 %)
SVM 1 ZVV	5.54 kW	65.9 W	44.2W (0.80 %)
SVM modulat. V_{PN}	5.34 kW	66.2 W	16.0W (0.30 %)

Device param. for loss estimation: 1200 V/25A IGBTs and diode

V_{CE-0}= 1.65 V, r_{d-IGBT}= 75 mΩ; V_{AK-0}= 1.3 V, r_{d-FRD}= 42 mΩ; t_{on}= 0.5µs, t_{off}= 0.22 µs.

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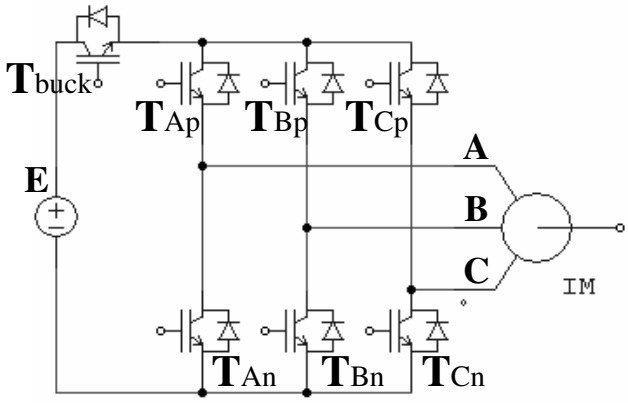
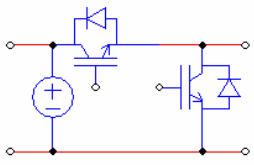
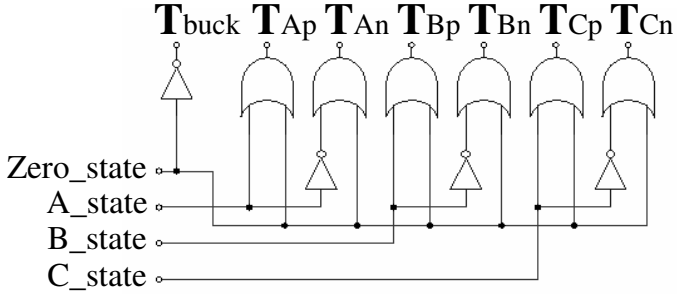


- **No extra passive components needed**
- **Fully bidirectional**
- **Full DC-link voltage**
- **VSI switches at zero voltage to/from ZV state**



Switched mode Vdc



Zero Voltage State

T_{buck} = OFF

T_{Ap}=T_{An}=T_{Bp}=T_{Bn}=T_{Cp}=T_{Cn}= OFF

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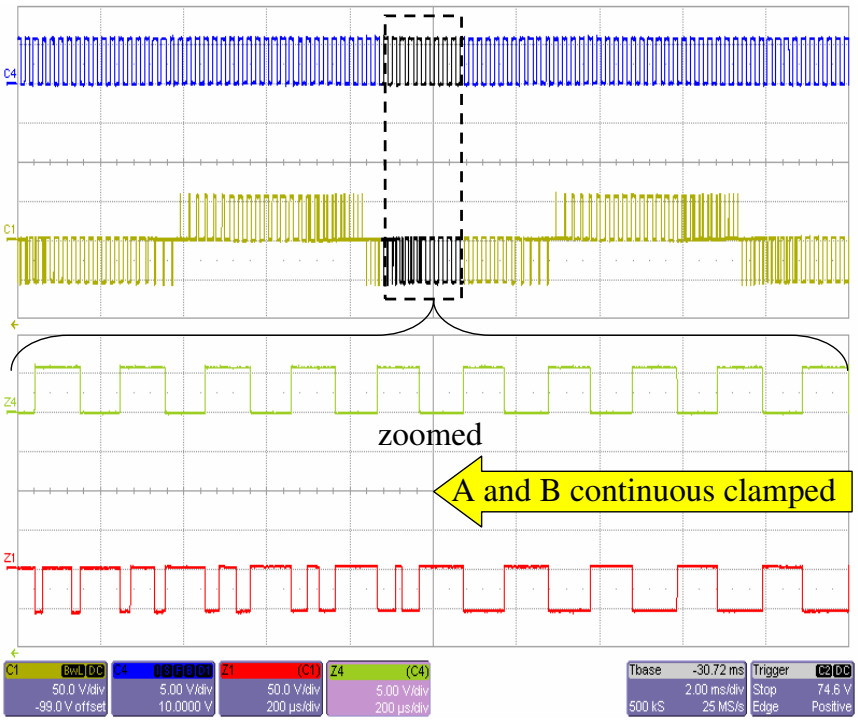
DC-link voltage

Output line-to-line voltage



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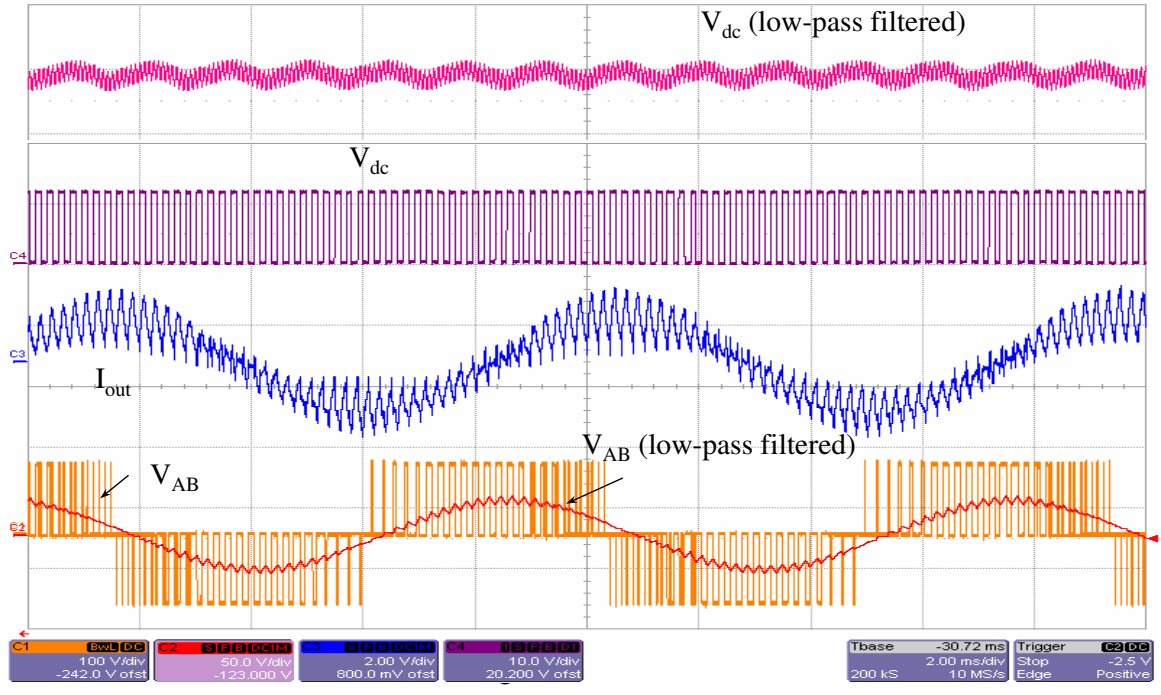
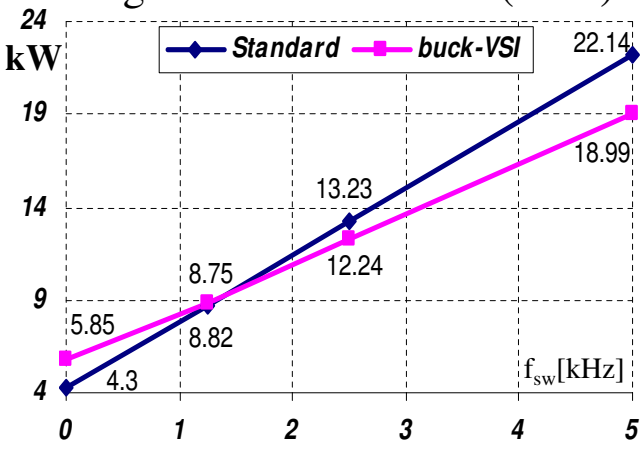


DC-link voltage seen by VSI, output current and filtered and actual output line-to-line voltages of a buck-VSI.

Semiconductor Losses

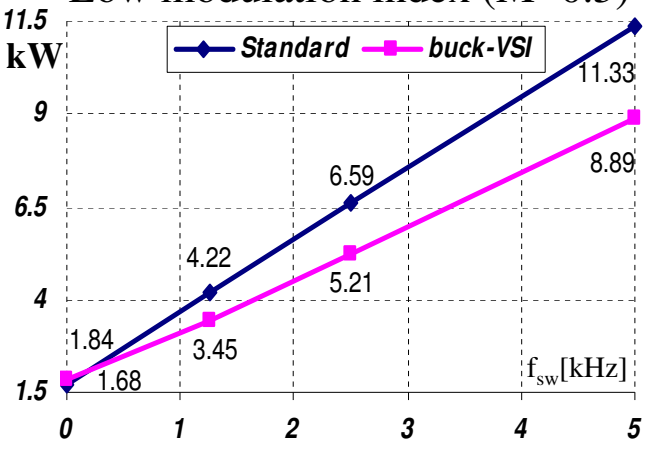
High modulation index (M=1)



I_{out}= 790Apk (P_{out}=1.2 MVA)

$P_{lossVSI}=P_{loss\text{-}2VSI}$@1430 Hz

Low modulation index (M=0.5)



I_{out}= 400Apk

$P_{lossVSI}=P_{loss\text{-}2VSI}$@300 Hz

More efficient at higher sw. frequency (dependent also on parameters of sw.devices)

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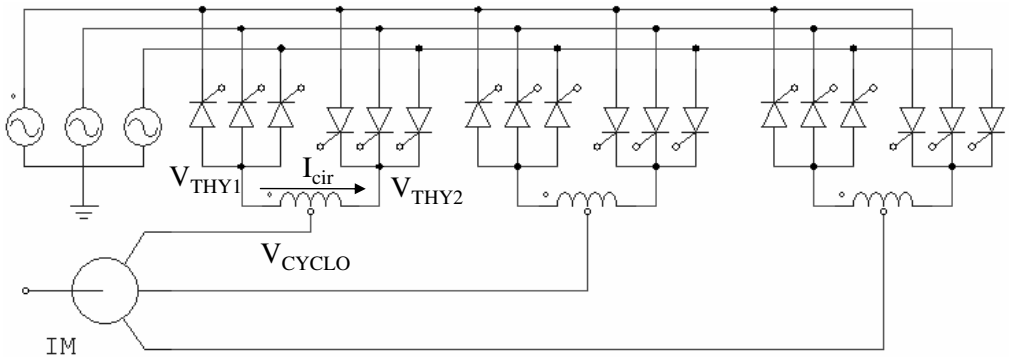

$$V_{THY1} = V_{\max} \cdot \cos(\alpha) \qquad \alpha = \cos^{-1}\left[V_{THY1-pk} / V_{\max} \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot f_{out} \cdot t)\right]$$

- Output frequency is limited to 40% of input frequency
- **High harmonic content in the Output Voltage** (more pulses)
- Large number of thyristors (especially for high no. pulses)
- **Large circulating current** (DC+low order harmonics)
- Poor input power factor (including inter-harmonics)
- Large Inter-phase reactor (IPR) to reduce the circulating current

4. Hybrid Cycloconverters

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1. Intergroup blanking (cycloconverter without circulating current)

⇒ block all thyristors in a rectifier group that is not delivering load current

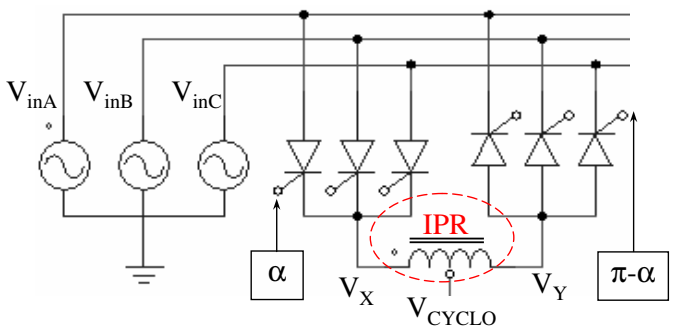
Disadvantages: Output voltage = more harmonics (3xfin)

2. Inter-phase reactor (cycloconverter with circulating current)

⇒ Introduction of an intergroup reactor.

Disadvantages: 1. IPR is large/expensive

2. Poor control reduces the Power Factor on the input



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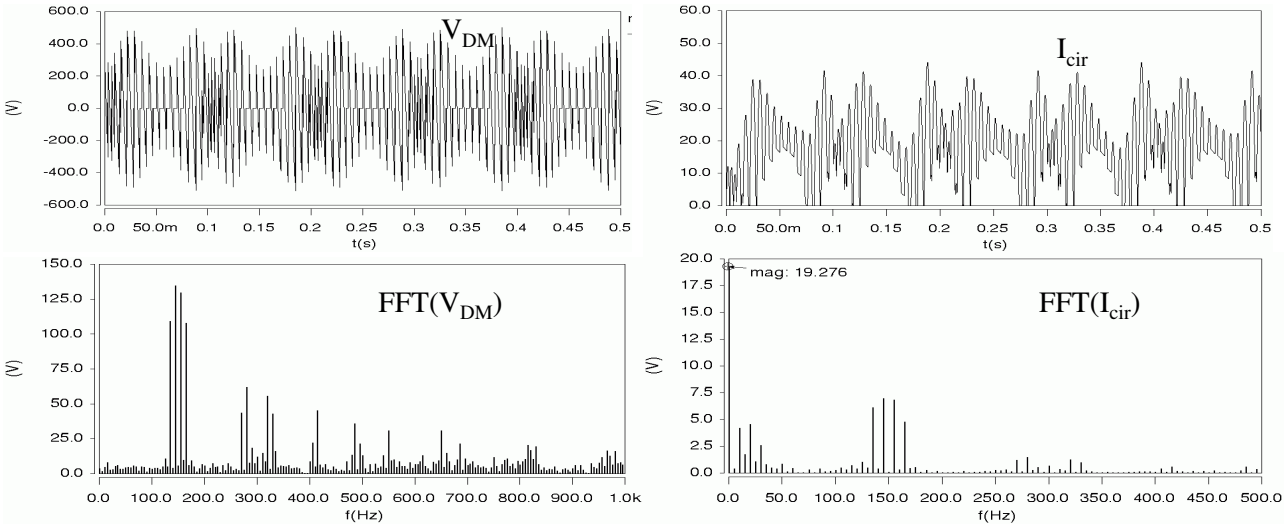
Circulating Current by using IPR method:



$\Delta I = V_{pk}/\omega L \Longrightarrow 8A = 135V/(150Hz \times 6.28 \times L) \Longrightarrow L = 17.9mH$

Now the interphase reactor consists of two 10mH coupled inductances with a coupling coefficient of 0.9 that gives 18mH mutual inductance, which is very close to the value calculated above.

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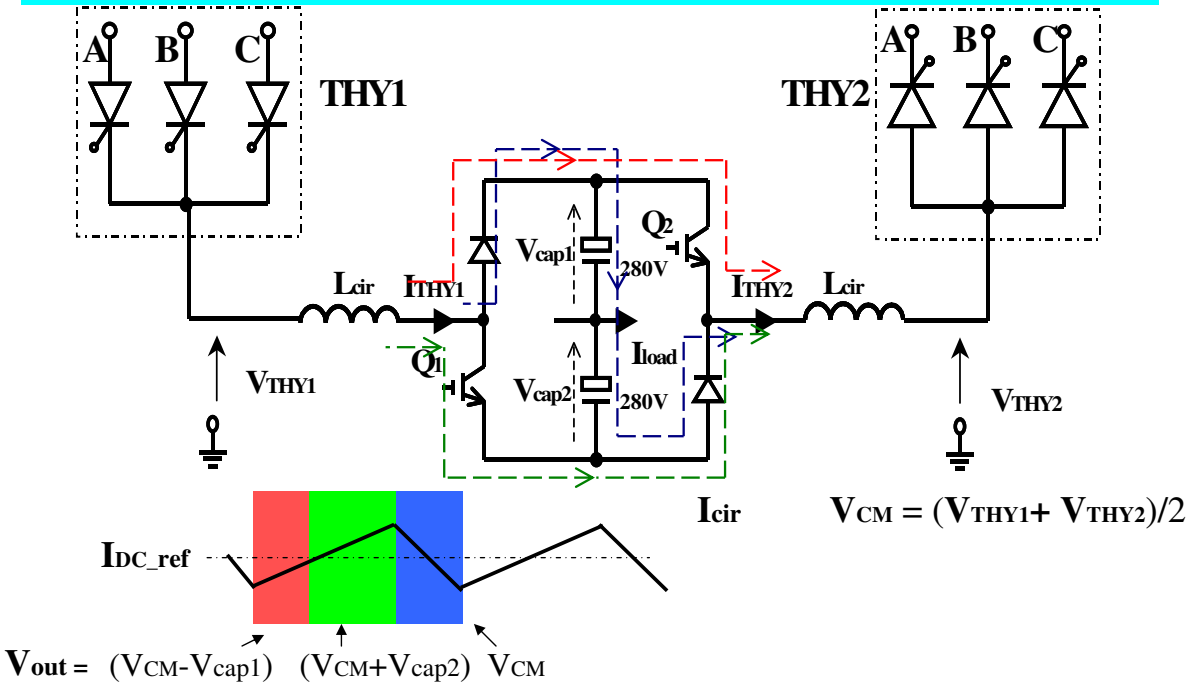
Solution: The cancellation of the low frequency differential mode voltage component between the outputs of the two thyristor bridge halves



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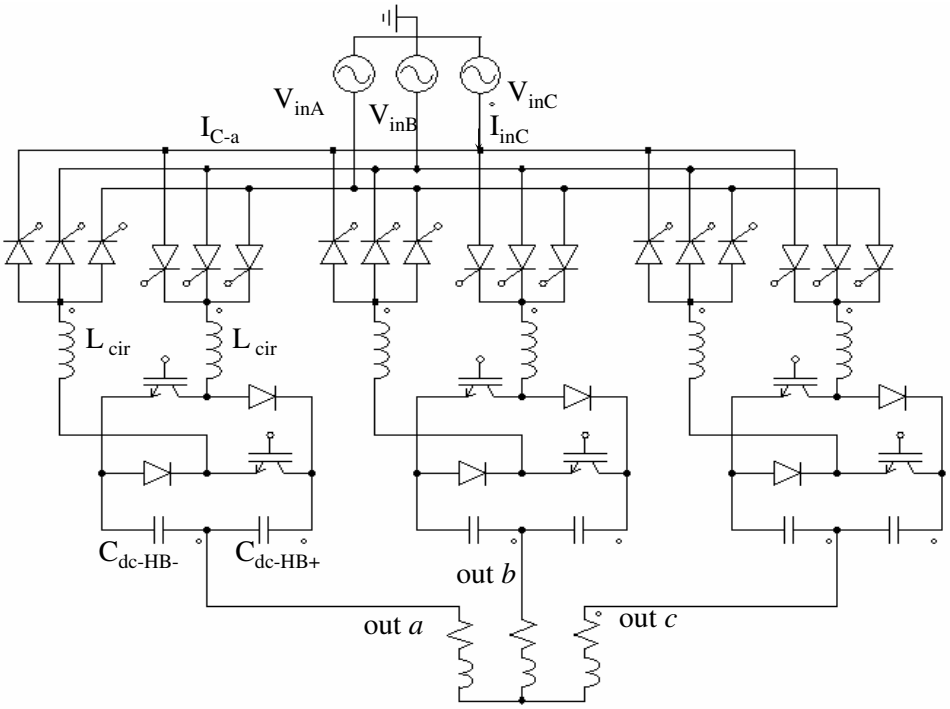
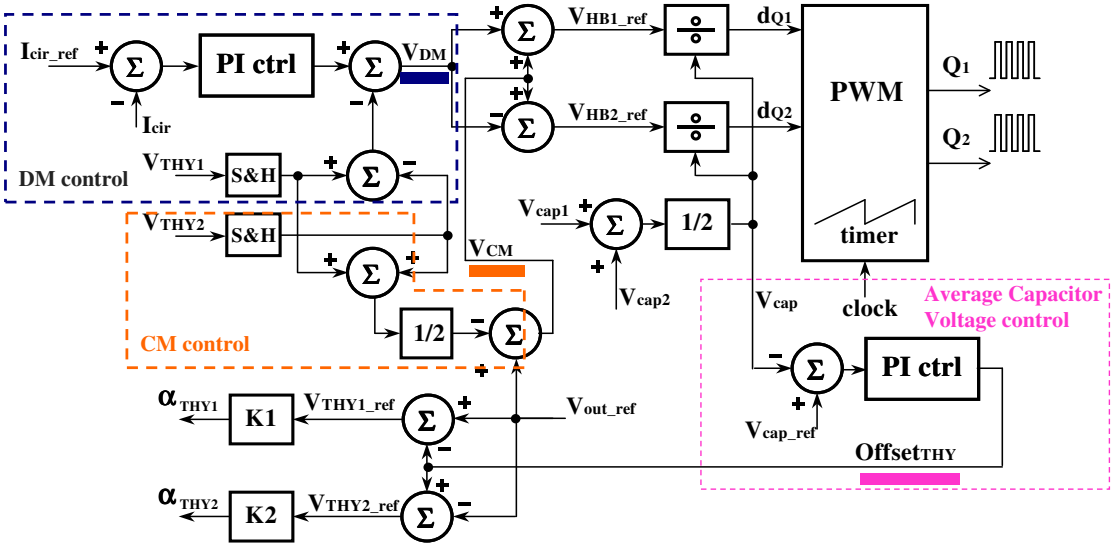


4. Hybrid Cycloconverters

Control objectives

1. Provide a ripple free voltage at the middle point of the split dc-link
2. Control accurately the circulating current
3. Maintain the average capacitor voltage constant



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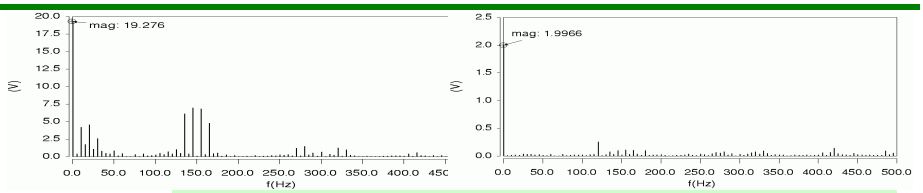
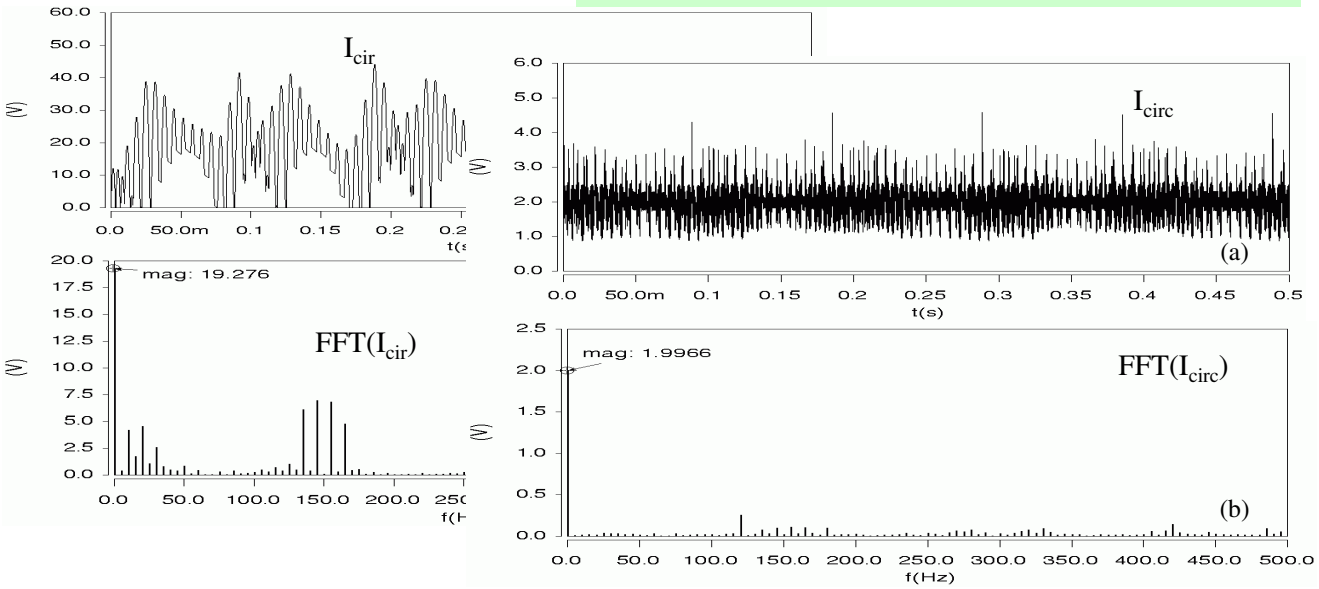
The Circulating Current and its FFT:



Improved significantly! Only 2A DC with 1A ripple!



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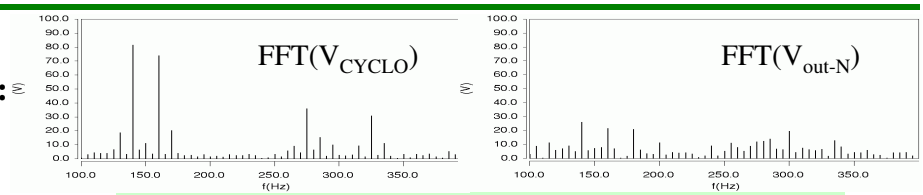
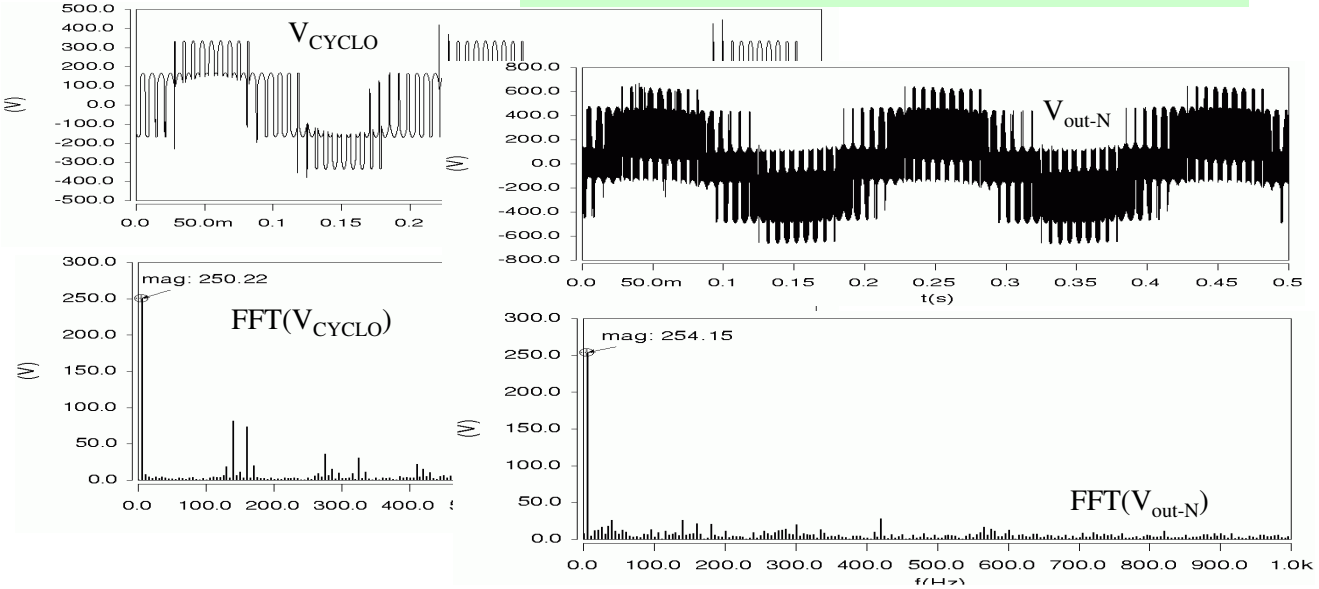
Output phase-to-supply neutral voltage and its FFT:



80V(30%) low order harmonic reduced to 30V(12%)



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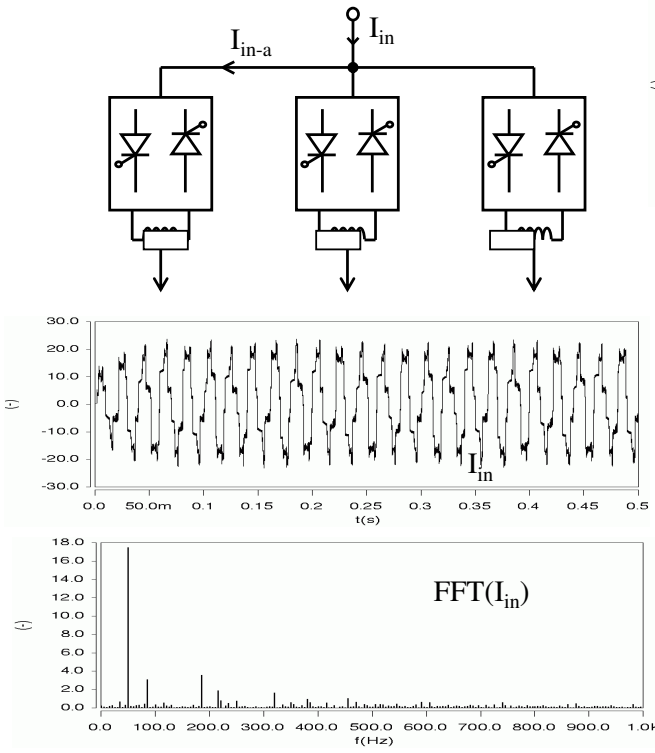

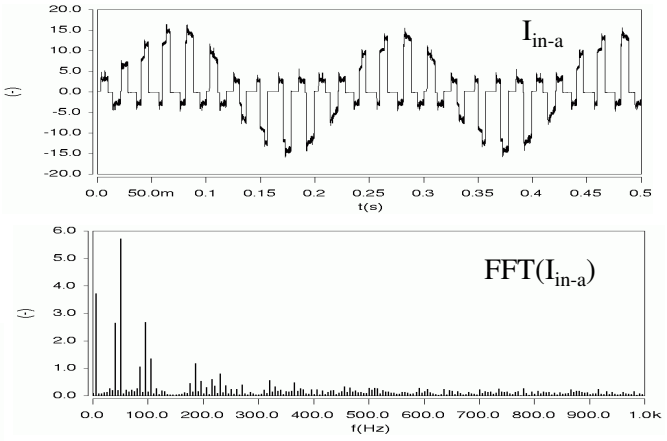

- Most sub-&inter-harmonics caused by output freq. pulsation disappear (h. cancel.)
- Accurate control of circulating current ⇒ minimizes reactive current drawn from supply AND harmonics in input currents

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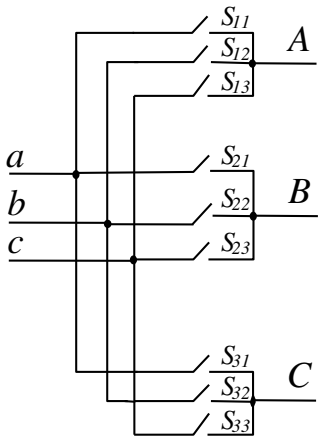
Basic Features of Direct Power Conversion



"all silicon"

Advantages	Disadvantages
4-quadrant drive	**Low output voltage <86%**
Sinusoidal input currents	Many semiconductors
Semi-soft commutation	Many gate-drives
No DC-link passive comp.	Complex commutation control
Compact drive potential	**Sensitive to disturbances in the supply voltage**
High output voltage quality	

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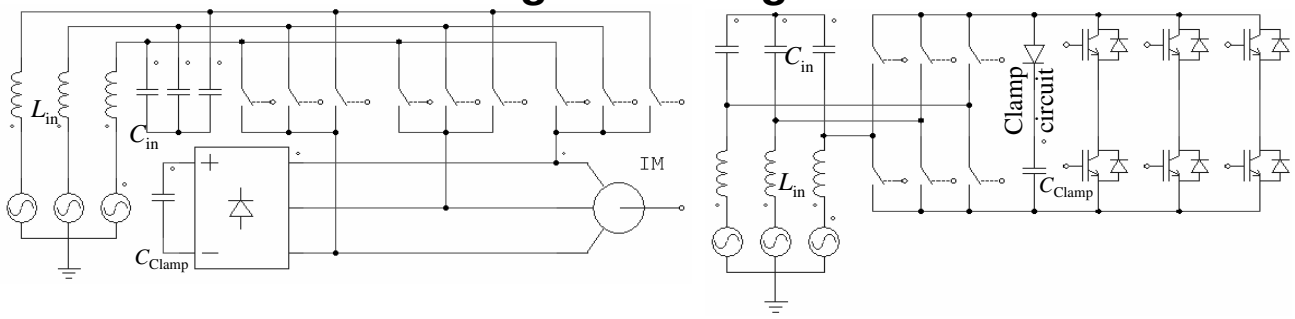
1-stage vs. 2-stage MC



Both DPC need LC input filter, clamp circuit, $V_{out}/V_{in} < 0.87$!

☺ **Save diodes for clamp circuit on load side**
☺ **Flexible design of rectifier stage (optimize semiconductor ratings, multidrive)**
☺ **Dead-time commutation in inversion stage**
☺ **Possible ZCS of rectifier stage during a zero-voltage vector**
☺ **Conduction losses are load dependent (better efficiency at light loads torque)**

☹ **Cannot produce rotating vectors**
☹ **ZCS ⇒ Rectifier stage decrease max. voltage transfer ratio**
☹ **Higher conduction losses at rated power**

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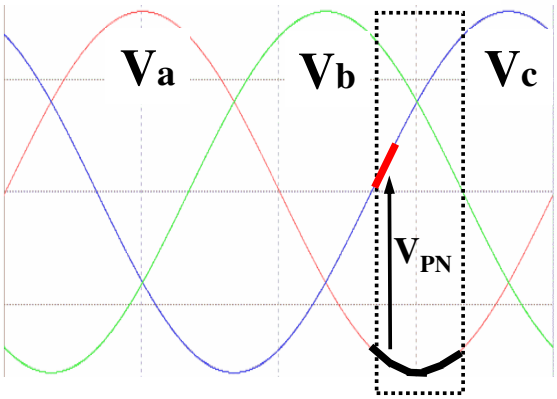
Combine adjacent current vectors for sharing the constant output power to the input lines ⇒ sine wave



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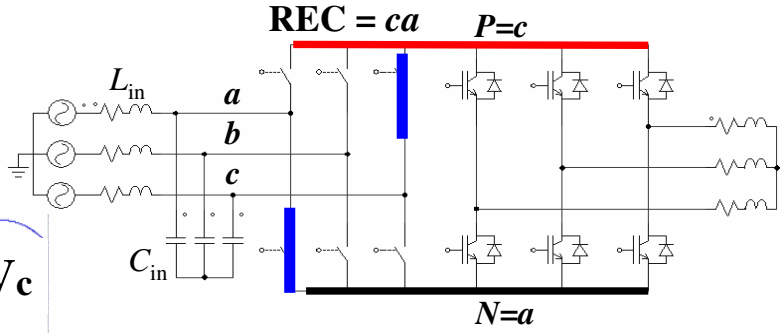

Rectification Stage ⇒V_{PN}

Sector	0	1	2	3	4	5
γ-sequence:	ac	bc	ba	ca	cb	ab
V_P	V_a	V_b	V_b	V_c	V_c	V_a
V_N	V_c	V_c	V_a	V_a	V_b	V_b
$V_{line-\gamma}$	V_{ac}	V_{bc}	V_{ba}	V_{ca}	V_{cb}	V_{ab}
δ-sequence:	ab	ac	bc	ba	ca	cb
V_P	V_a	V_a	V_b	V_b	V_c	V_c
V_N	V_b	V_c	V_c	V_a	V_a	V_b
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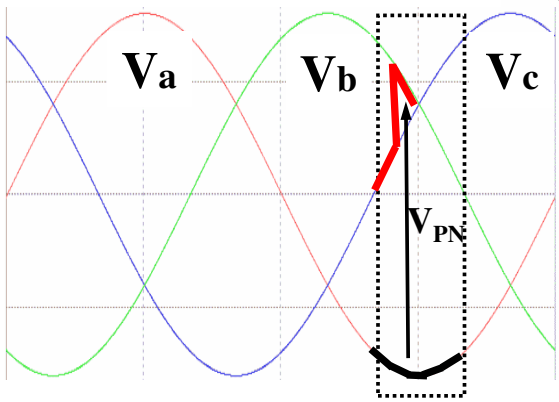
Combine adjacent current vectors for sharing the constant output power to the input lines ⇒ sine wave



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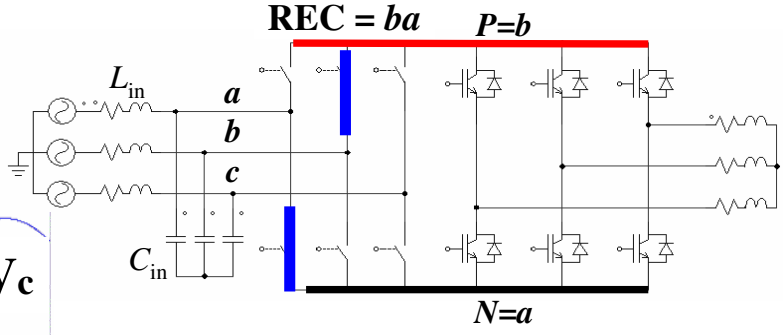

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$V_{line-\delta}$	V_{ab}	V_{ac}	V_{bc}	V_{ba}	V_{ca}	V_{cb}

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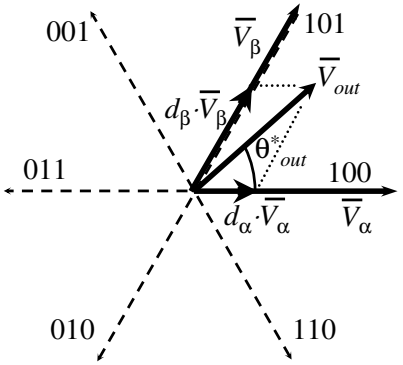
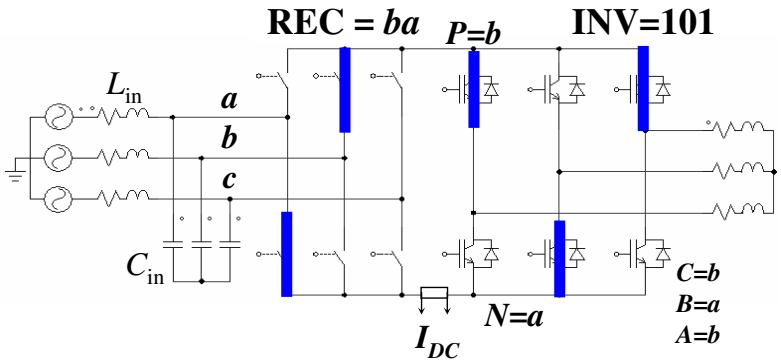
Combine adjacent voltage vectors for accurate generation of the reference voltage vector



$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta^*_{out}\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\theta^*_{out}\right)$$



Switching state="*bab*"

Inversion Stage

Sector	β-sequence	α-sequence	I_{DC} [0-α-β-α-0]
0	100 = I_A	110 = $-I_C$	0 I_A $-I_C$ I_A 0
1	110 = $-I_C$	010 = I_B	0 $-I_C$ I_B $-I_C$ 0
2	010 = I_B	011 = $-I_A$	0 I_B $-I_A$ I_B 0
3	011 = $-I_A$	001 = I_C	0 $-I_A$ I_C $-I_A$ 0
4	001 = I_C	101 = $-I_B$	0 I_C $-I_B$ I_C 0
5	101 = $-I_B$	100 = I_A	0 $-I_B$ I_A $-I_B$ 0

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Removing the Zero Current Vector from REC Stage = **maintain duty$_{REC}$ proportion**

Rectification stage duty-cycles

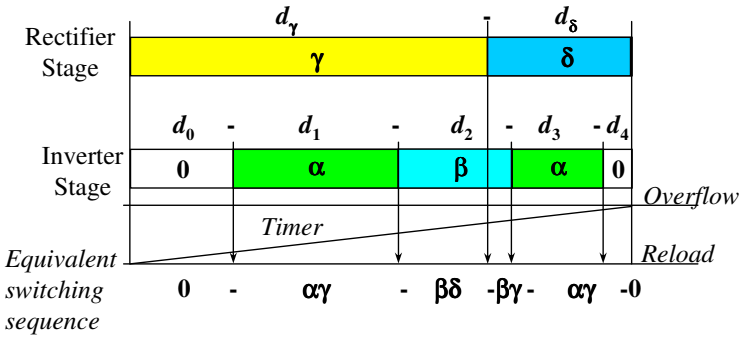
$$d_\gamma^R = \frac{d_\gamma}{d_\gamma + d_\delta} \qquad d_\delta^R = \frac{d_\delta}{d_\gamma + d_\delta}$$

$$V_{PN} = d_\gamma^R \cdot V_{line\text{-}\gamma} + d_\delta^R \cdot V_{line\text{-}\delta}$$

$$m_U = \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{out} / V_{PN}$$

$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta^*_{out}\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\theta^*_{out}\right)$$



Inversion stages duty-cycles

$$d_0 = d_\gamma^R \cdot \left[1 - \left(d_\gamma + d_\delta\right) \cdot \left(d_\alpha + d_\beta\right)\right]$$

$$d_1 = d_\gamma \cdot d_\alpha$$

$$d_2 = \left(d_\gamma + d_\delta\right) \cdot d_\beta$$

$$d_3 = d_\delta \cdot d_\alpha$$

$$d_4 = d_\delta^R \cdot \left[1 - \left(d_\gamma + d_\delta\right) \cdot \left(d_\alpha + d_\beta\right)\right]$$

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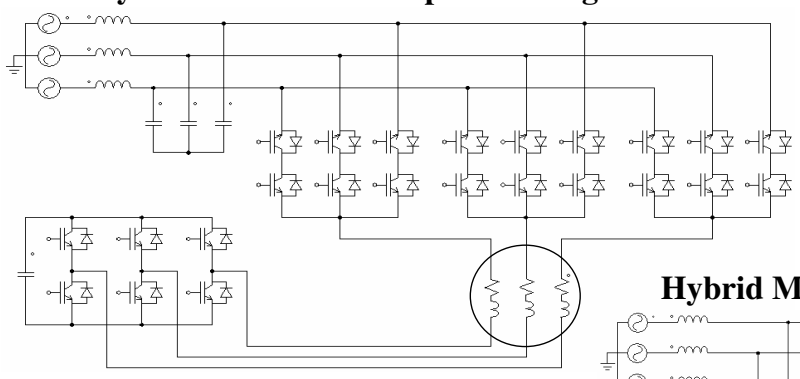
Hybrid MC&VSI for open winding motors

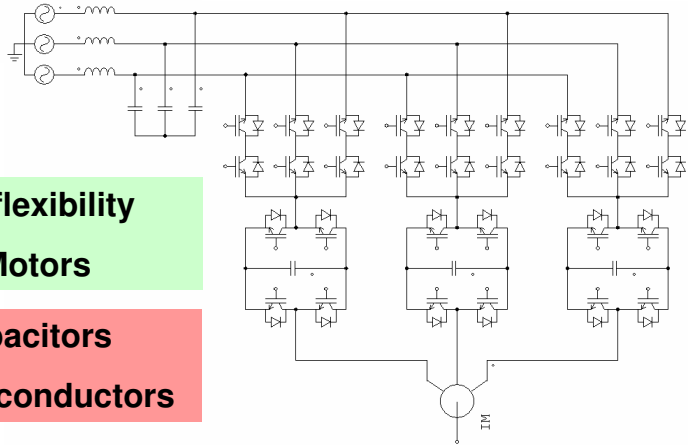


☺ **Smaller Capacitor**

☺ **Less semiconductors**

☹ **Open Winding Motors**

Hybrid MC w/ H-bridge inv on the outputs



☺ **Increased flexibility**

☺ **Standard Motors**

☹ **Bigger Capacitors**

☹ **More Semiconductors**

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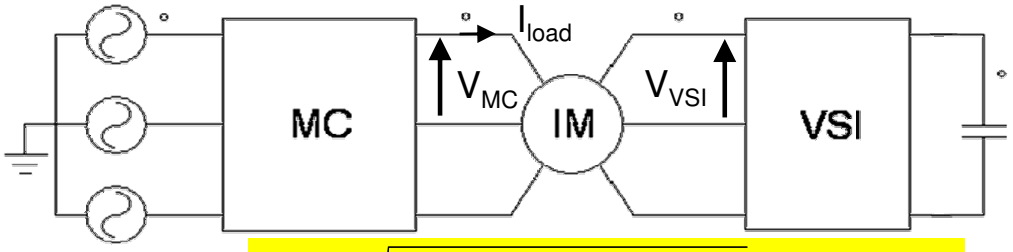
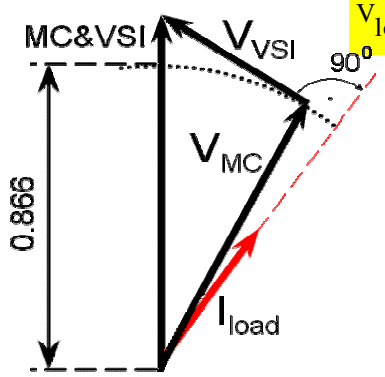
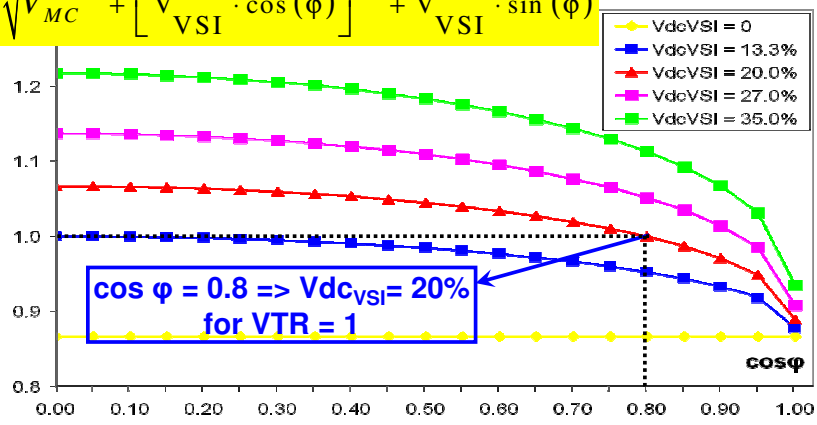
Mode 1: ZERO Instantaneous Power Injection



$$V_{load} = \sqrt{V_{MC}^2 + \left[V_{VSI} \cdot \cos(\varphi)\right]^2} + V_{VSI} \cdot \sin(\varphi)$$



V_{MC}&V_{VSI}=sinusoidal&balanced



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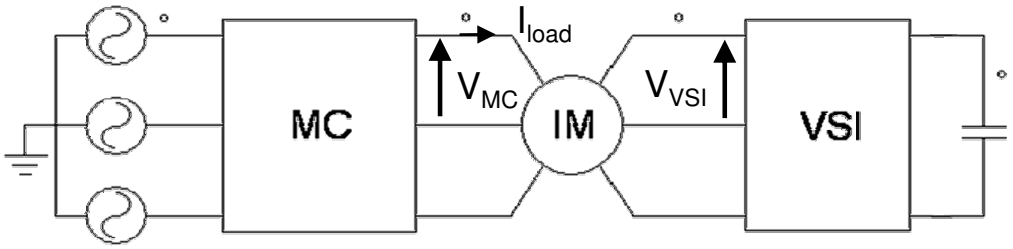
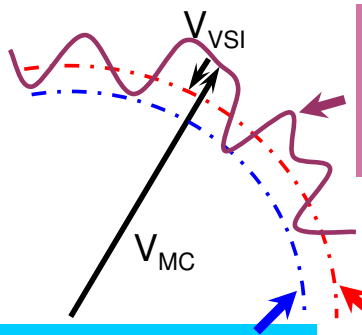
Mode 2: ZERO Average Power Injection



MC: overmodulation

V_{MC}= non-sinusoidal

V_{VSI}= to cancel distortion



Locus of the matrix converter output voltage (overmodulation)

Outer limit (0.866) of MC output voltage (sinus &balanced)

Circle equivalent outer limit of the MC output voltage locus (overmodulation)

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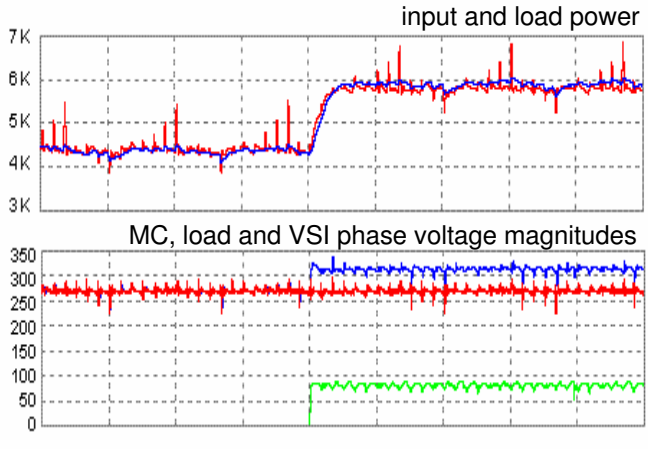
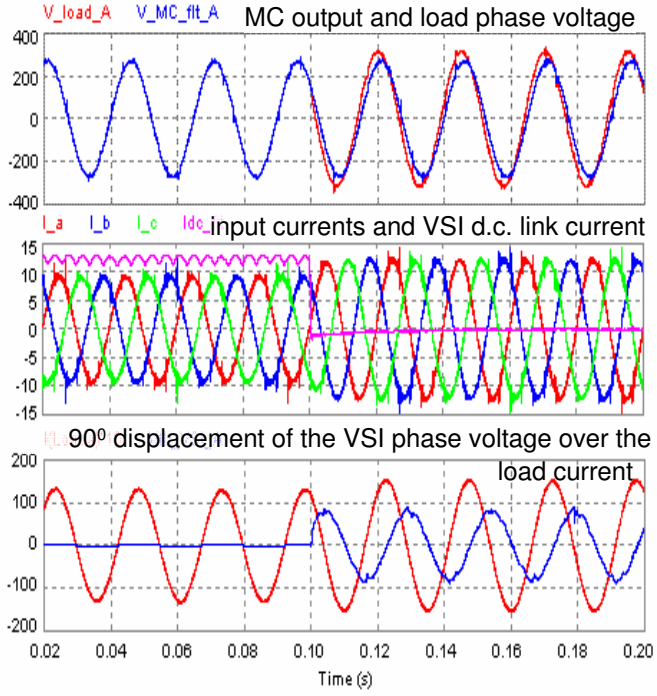
Transient (t= 0.1s) from standard to hybrid operation (**Mode 1**, **VTR=1**)





Load: R_{load} = 19.5 Ω, L_{load} = 56.69 mH;
VSI: C_{dc} = 2.2 mH, V_{dc} = 150 V;
V_{in} = 320 Vpeak, f_{sw}=10kHz;

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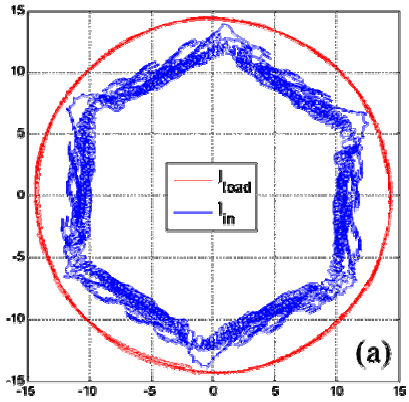
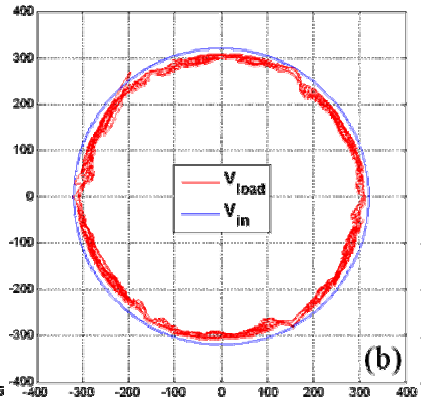
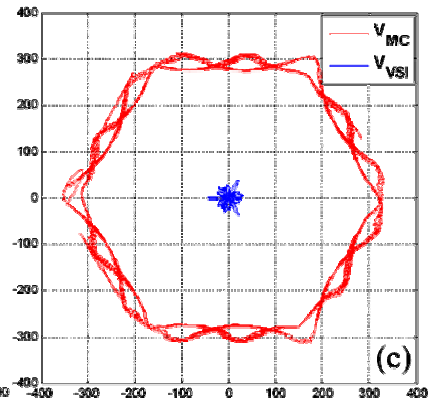
Operation of the hybrid MC&VSI (**Mode 2**, **VTR=0.955**)



input and load current locus



input and output phase voltage locus



MC-side and VSI-side phase voltage locus

Mode 2:
MC overmodulation range (nonsin/unbal V_{MC})

VSI cancel distortion/unbalance caused by MC

Load: R_{load} = 19.5 Ω, L_{load} = 56.69 mH;
VSI: C_{dc} = 2.2 mH, V_{dc} = 75V;
V_{in} = 320 Vpeak, f_{sw}=10kHz;

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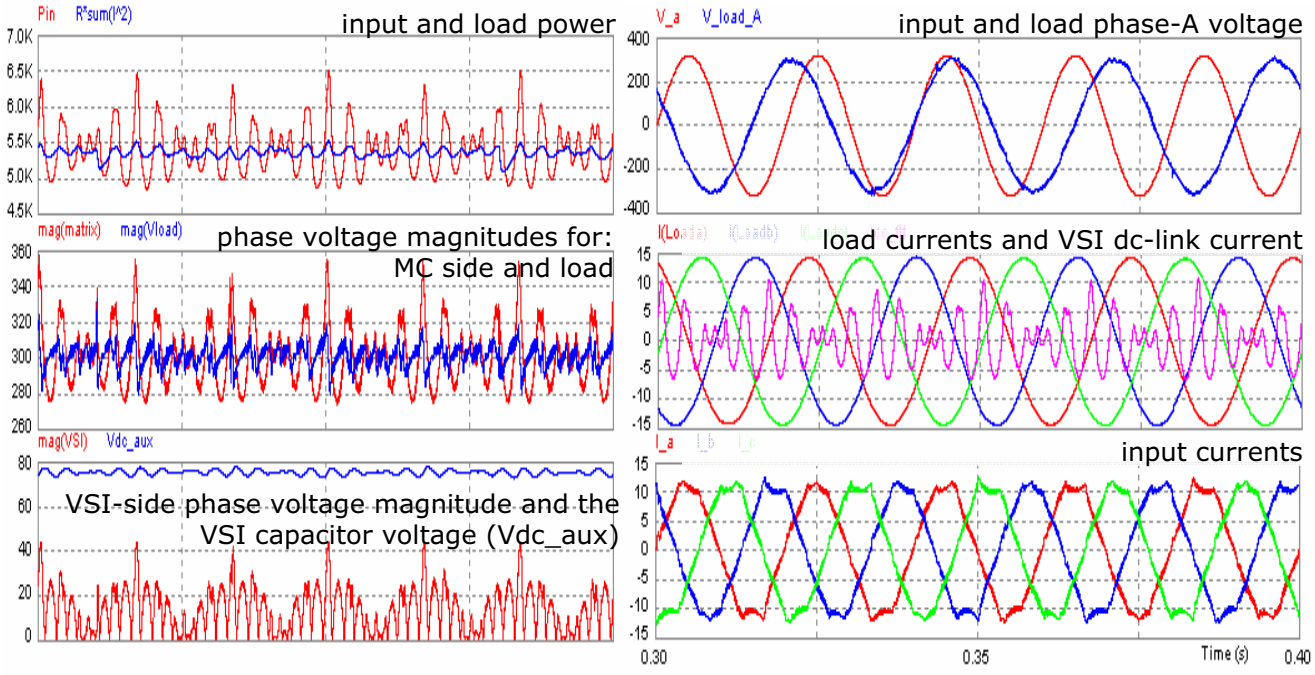

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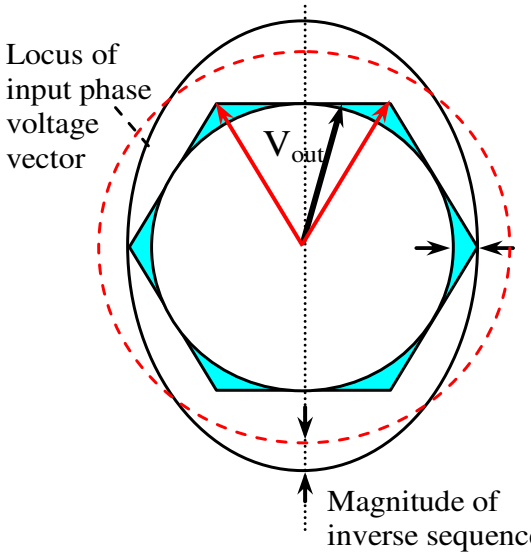
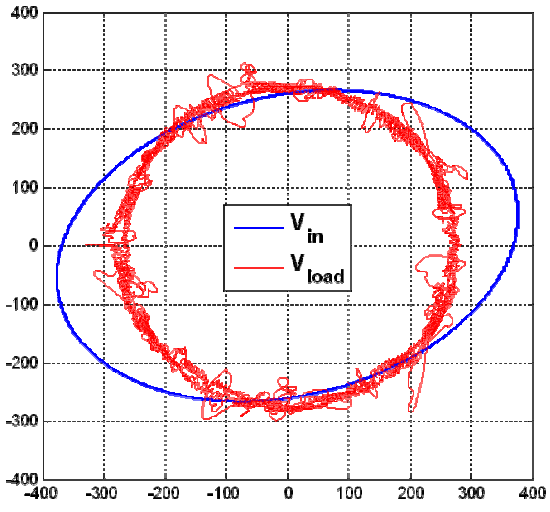
Locus of input and load voltage vectors
under **unbalance supply voltages** (**Mode 2**, **VTR=0.955**)



Standard MC with passive compensation
(explanatory)



Active Compensation of Unbalance
Proposed hybrid MC&VSI (20% unbalance)

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Semiconductor Losses

		IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF
Standard MC		69.81	49.55	29.24	12.14
MC&VSI (with ZV in the INV-stage of the MC)	MC	70.84	50.25	29.33	12.65
	VSI	15.25	12.17	1.13	0.5
MC&VSI (**no ZV** state in the MC)	MC	69.84	49.58	**14.12**	**5.74**
	VSI	14.35	12.17	1.01	0.46

1. the standard MC
2. the hybrid MC&VSI with ZV in the inverter stage of the MC
3. the hybrid MC&VSI with modified switching pattern (ZV removed from MC as in slide 7)

		P_{cond} [W]	P_{switch} [W]	P_{loss} [W]	P_{out} [kW]	P_{loss} [%]	Σ [%]	I_{load} [A]	V_{phin} [V]	V_{rms} [V]	VTR
Standard MC	MC	119.36	41.38	160.74	4.84	3.32	**3.32**	14.35	320	339	**0.866**
MC&VSI (with ZV in the INV of the MC)	MC	121.08	41.98	163.06	**5.02**	3.25	3.83	14.35	320	**355**	**0.910**
	VSI	27.42	1.18	29.06		0.58					
MC&VSI (**no ZV** in the MC)	MC	119.42	**19.86**	139.28	**5.37**	2.59	**3.11**	14.35	320	**373**	**0.955**
	VSI	26.52	1.47	27.99		0.52					

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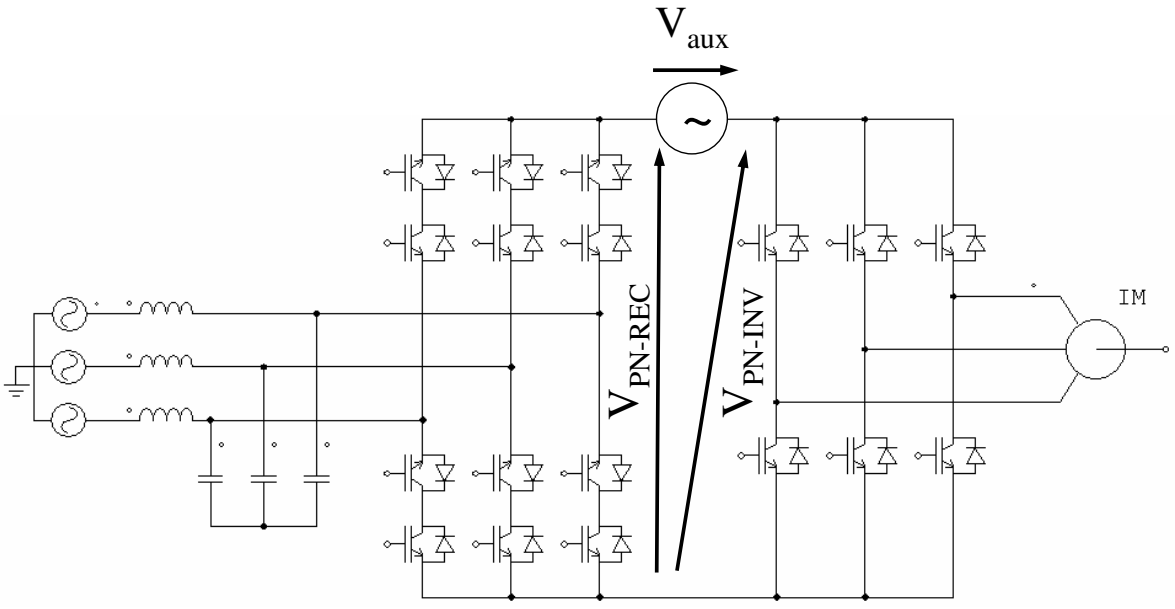

$$V_{PN-INV} = V_{PN-REC} + V_{aux}$$

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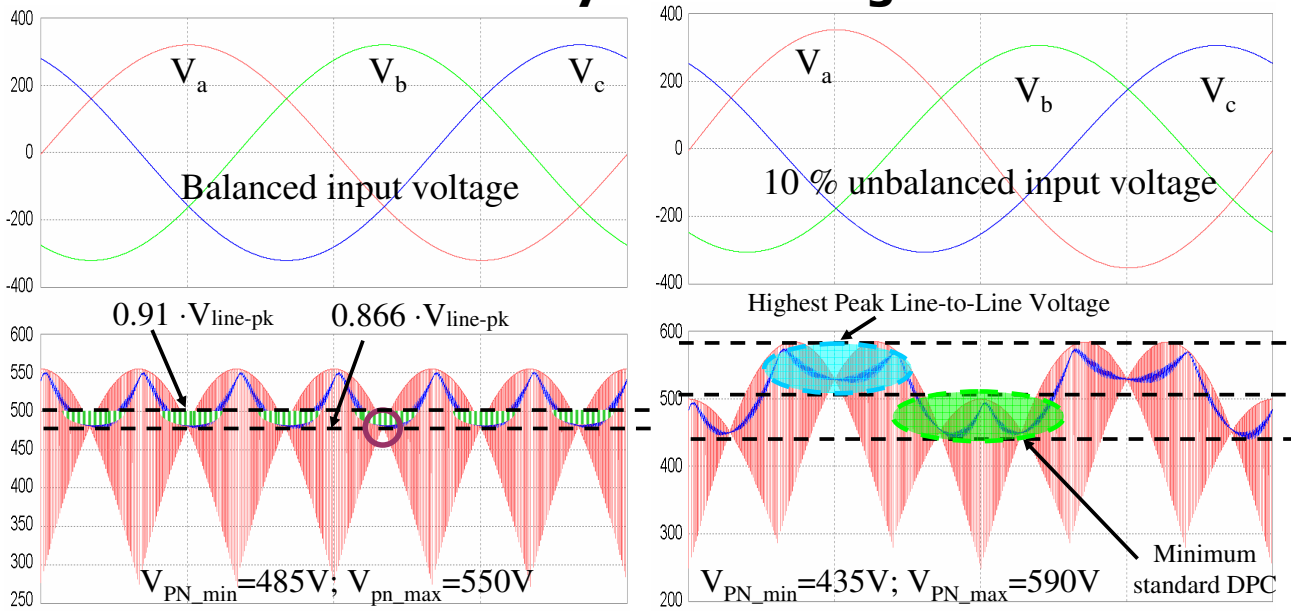
Intermediary Link Voltage



- **The key for unbalance compensation is increase V_{pn} average**
- **Use an auxiliary voltage supply to boost up the average**

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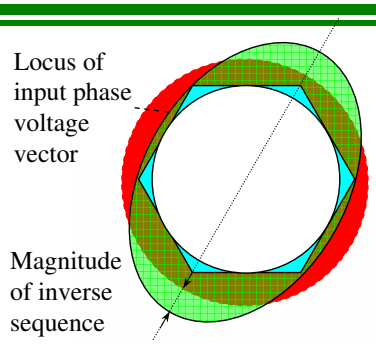
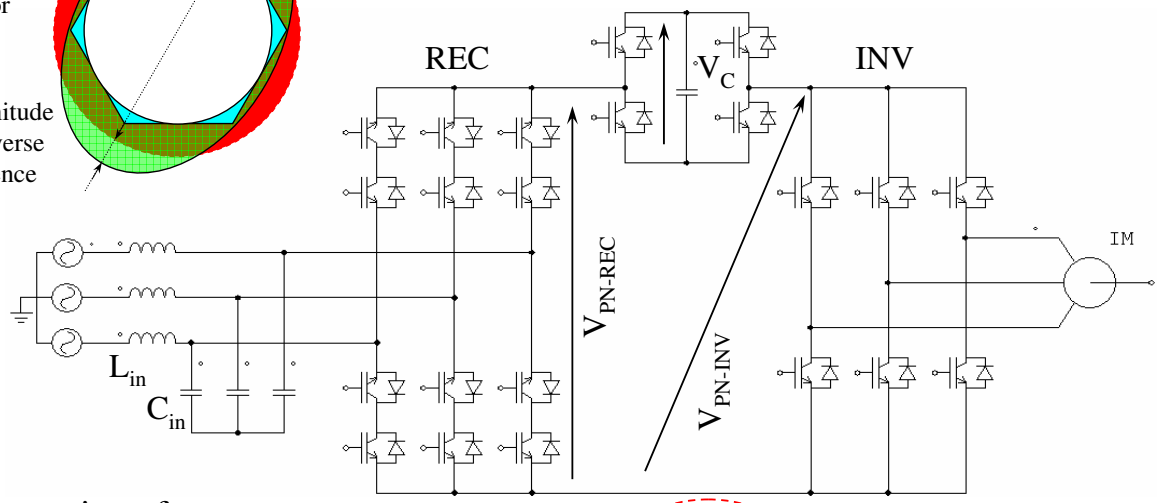


Unbalance { twice a period = deficit of voltage
twice a period = voltage in excess



Preservation of capacitor energy $\int V_{HB} \cdot I_{DC-INV} = 0$

$V_{HB-ref} = V_{PN-REC} - V_{PN-INV}$ ⇒ **CONSTANT (> 0.866)**

⇒ **Customized shape**

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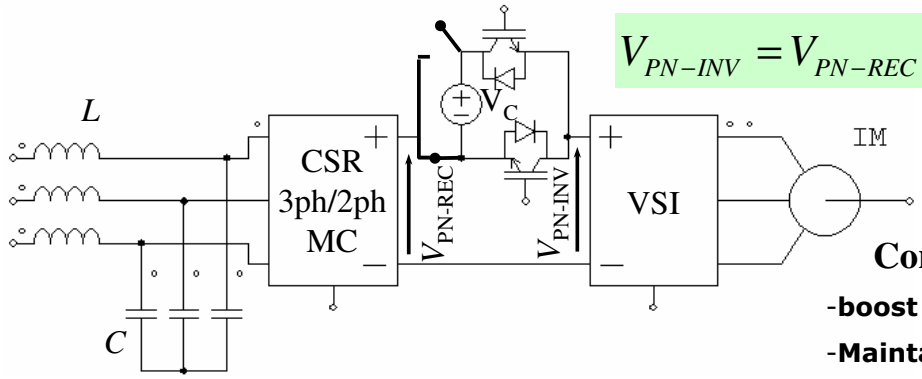


$$V_{PN-INV} = V_{PN-REC} \pm d_{CI} \cdot V_C = \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{out}$$

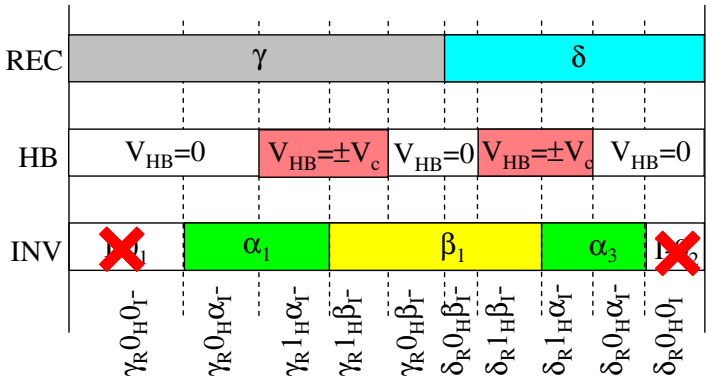
Control objectives:

-boost up the output voltage

-Maintain the amplitude of Vc

Voltage ratings H-bridge

	Constant Vpn	Modulated Vpn
Balanced Supply	1-0.91 **=9 %**	0.95-0.86 **=9 %**
10 % Unbalance	**15 %**	**20 %**



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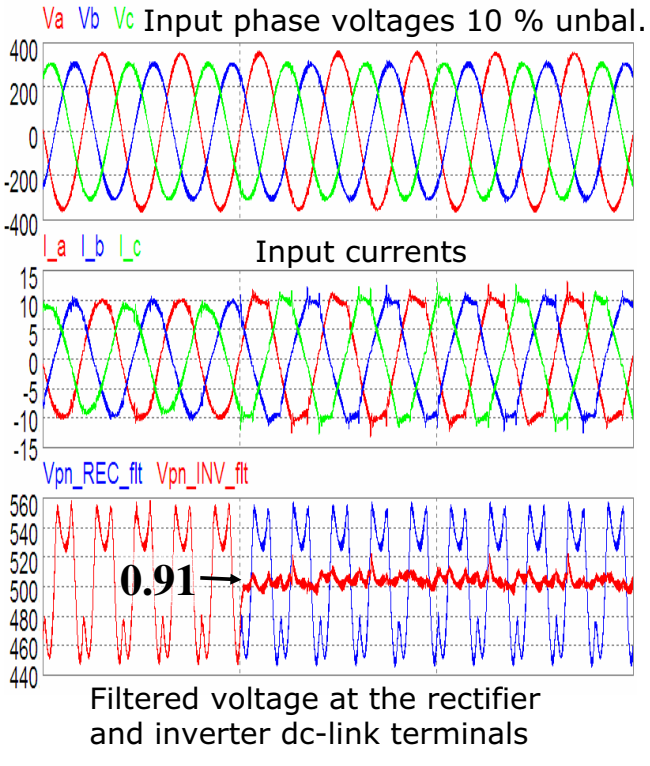
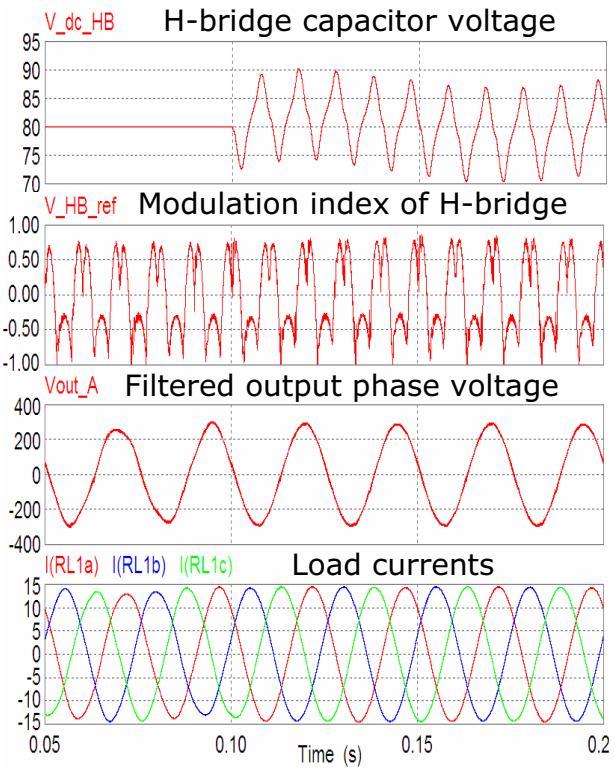


Filtered voltage at the rectifier and inverter dc-link terminals



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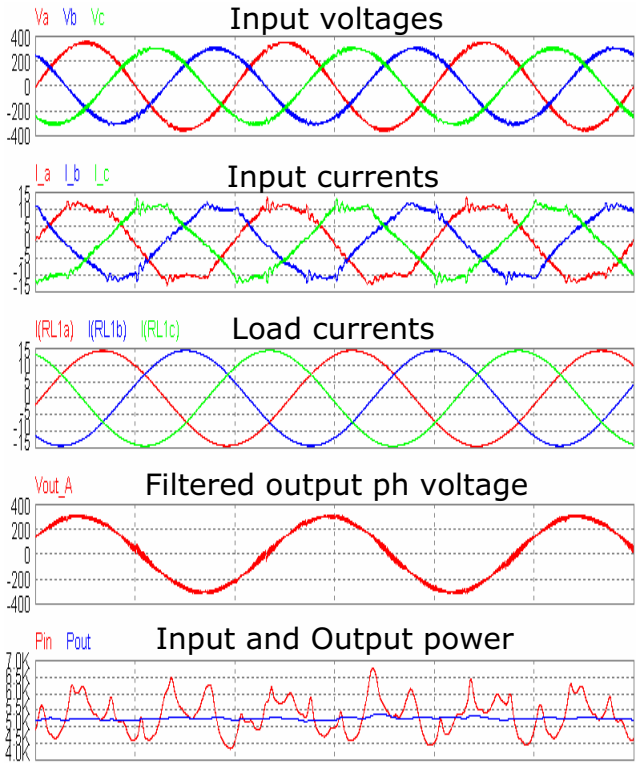

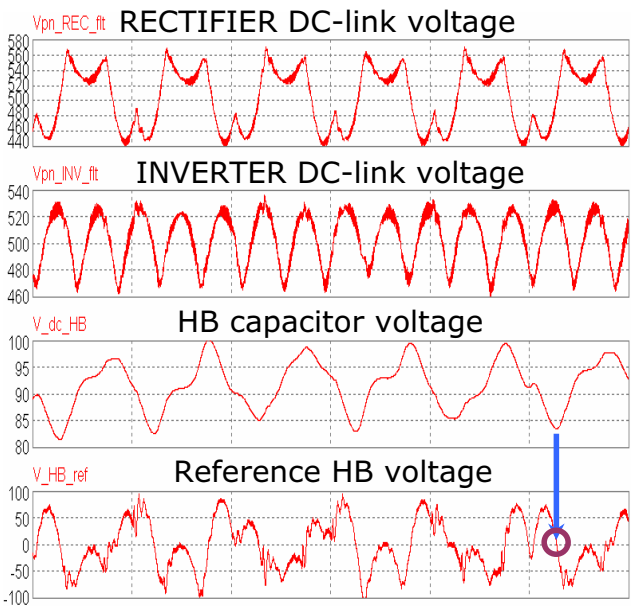

Simulation parameters: $V_{line\text{-}in}$= 400 V_{rms}, L_{in} = 0.7 mH, C_{in} = 10µF/ph, f_{sw}= 10 kHz; C = 1500 µF/100 V; f_{out}= 40 Hz; R_{load} = 16.9 Ω, L_{load} = 50.8 mH star connected

1500 µF/100 V⇔ 15 µF/1000 V

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Two-stage IMC

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	Σ [%]
Rectifier	49.1 W	34.8 W	1.2 W	0.6 W	**1.77 %**
Inverter	59.3 W	6.6 W	24.2 W	10.4 W	**2.08 %**

Hybrid IMC constant Vpn

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	Σ[%]
Rectifier	50.4 W	35.7 W	1.2 W	0.6 W	**1.76 %**
H-bridge	10.7 W	9.1 W	2.2 W	1.1 W	**0.46 %**
Inverter	59.9 W	6.1 W	22.2 W	9.8 W	**1.96 %**

Hybrid IMC modulated Vpn

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	Σ[%]
Rectifier	53.1 W	37.6 W	2.7 W	1.2 W	**1.78 %**
H-bridge	12.3 W	9.7 W	1.9 W	0.9 W	**0.47 %**
Inverter	61.3 W	5.3 W	10.7 W	4.9 W	**1.56 %**

fout = 40Hz; Iload = 14.3Apk; cosφ = 0.8

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Comparison of the power losses

	V_{out} L-L	P_{out}	Total loss	η	Conduction losses		Switching losses	
	V	W	W	%	W	%	W	%
IMC	337.6	4830	**186.1**	**96.14%**	149.7	**3.10%**	36.3	**0.75%**
H/V=ct	354.8	5006	**209.3**	**95.82%**	172.1	**3.44%**	37.2	**0.74%**
Mod V	373.1	5258	**201.6**	**96.17%**	179.3	**3.41%**	22.3	**0.42%**

Installed power in semiconductors

Topology	N_{main}	N_{aux}	kV_{aux}	P_{sw}/kVA_{out}
Standard MC, IMC/18sw	18	0	0	**24.0**
HIMC/18sw/const. Vpn	18	4	0.15	**23.7**
HIMC/18sw/mod Vpn	18	4	0.2	**22.8**
MC&VSI (mode 2)	18	6	0.2	**22.8**

Can handle 10 % unbalance

$$\frac{P_{sw}}{kVA_{out}} = \frac{(N_{main} + N_{aux} \cdot k_{volt}) \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{in-L} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot I_{out}}{VTR \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot V_{in-L} \cdot I_{out}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{(N_{main} + N_{aux} \cdot k_{volt})}{VTR}$$

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Conclusions

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- ✓ Hybrid Converters = Main Converter + Auxiliary Converter
- ✓ Main Converter: Processes the bulk power efficiently but with low performance
- ✓ Auxiliary Converter: Low added kVA/$ but highly versatile
- ✓ Electr. L ⇒ Better input currents, reduced L, ripple free Vdc
- ✓ 2-stage VSI: Moves Losses; Changes loss distribution
- ✓ H-cycloconv: Ctrl.circulating current, better input crt/Vout
- ✓ H-matrix converter: higher Vout/Vin, improved robustness against unbalanced supply, more efficient (same Iout)
- ✓ Added power semiconductors ⇔ increase in P_{out}

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